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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: Edell, Joseph F.
Otto J. Volker et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 3636
Serial No.: 10/656,908)	
)	Confirmation No.: 9097
Filed: September 5, 2003)	
)	
Title: Reclining Vehicle Seat Hinge Assembly)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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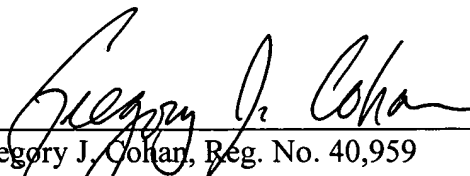
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2. USPTO Form 1449 with 22 references;
3. Fee Transmittal (in duplicate); and
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Dated: September 19, 2005



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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) \$180.00

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FEE CALCULATION
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES
Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
	_____	_____

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee(\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

-20 or HP= 0 x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee(\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

-3 or HP= 1 x _____ = _____

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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Fees Paid (\$)

\$180.00

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SUBMITTED BY

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Name (Print/Type)	Gregory J. Cohen	Date	09/19/05		

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicant herewith submits the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- ☒ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and the requisite Certification or fee under Rule 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein; or
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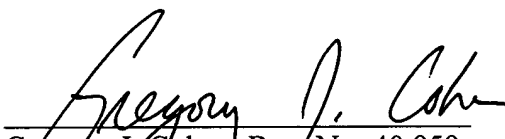
Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

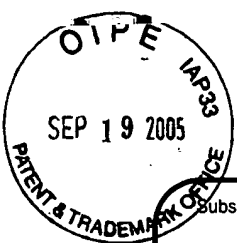
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-4,348,050	09/07/82	Letournoux et al.	
		US-5,328,241	07/12/94	Haider	
		US-6,085,386	07/11/00	Blanchard et al.	
		US-6,095,608	08/01/00	Ganot et al.	
		US-6,102,480	15/15/00	Asano	
		US-6,325,458	12/04/01	Rohee et al.	
		US-6,328,382	12/11/01	Yamashita	
		US-6,332,649	12/25/01	Vossmann	
		US-6,390,557	05/21/02	Asano	
		US-6,454,354	09/24/02	Vossmann et al.	
		US-6,561,585	05/13/03	Cilliere et al.	
		US-6,626,495	09/30/03	Okazaki et al.	
		US-6,669,297	12/30/03	Cilliere et al.	
		US-6,676,217	01/13/04	Lange	
		US-6,715,836	04/06/04	Chen et al.	
		US-6,742,844	06/01/04	Pollack	
		US-6,749,263	06/15/04	Peters	
		US-6,688,695	02/10/04	Pleskot	
		US-2002-0125756	09/12/02	Asano	
		US-2003-0230923	12/18/03	Uramichi, Hideki	
		US-2004-0061369	04/01/04	Reubeuze et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		GB2117440	10/12/83	Wahlmann et al.		

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